LICENSE NIGHT.

A FURTHER REDUCTION MADE IN THE NUMBER OF LICENSED PLACES.

Nineteen This Year Against Twenty One Last Year — Close Calls for Some of the Applicants—The Rejection of Scheuer & Bros.' Application a Great Surprise to the Public.

There was an animated scene on the Broad Street sidewalk at the doors of the Town Council chamber Monday night, when a throng of nearly two hundred people gathered there and patiently waited for the doors to open. It was license night, and the expectancy of a battle between opponents and advocates of the saloon had drawn the crowd. While the great mass of common people stood out in the rain, several favorites were admitted to the Council room through the banking rooms of the bank. It was ten minutes of eight o'clock when the doors were opened, and in about three minutes after the Council room was jammed with people. When the members of the Council took their seats Chairman Peterson dispensed with all preliminary business and immediately proceeded with the consideration of the license applications.

David G. Garabrant asked permission to make a few remarks before any applications were acted upon, and his request was granted. Mr. Garabrant said that he wanted to thank the members of the Council on behalf of what he believed to be a majority of the citizens of the town for the policy that had been pursued in the past in regard to granting license applications. That policy, he said, had proved beneficial to the town and was approved by the majority of the people. He hoped that the Council would continue along the same line and refuse all new applications and grant only such existing applications as were held by people who had obeyed and respected the law in the conducting of their places.

The following persons were granted licenses without objection: George B. Tucker, Arthur Leuthaeusser, William J. Raab, Henry Treiber, Frank Narucki, Israel Brierman, Thomas A. Hallinan, John Kopf, Alicia Kelly, J. Gilbert Brady, H. Snyder & Son, William Johnson, Elizabeth Metz, Albert John, William Parting, Julius Petrien, and Nicholas Dugan. Objections were raised against William Ashworth's and Ernest Raaflaub's applications, but the Council granted the licenses. The applications refused were John J. Brooks, Disdore Serritella, William R. Courter, Stockwell Yeaskey, Constanti Zbikowsky, Margaret Stewart, Theodore O. Steenwerth, and Scheuer & Bro. Nineteen applications were granted and eight refused, making one saloon and one wholesale place less than last year.

The first objection raised in the course of the proceedings was against the application of Ernest Raaflaub. David G. Garabrant objected, and said that there was abundant evidence that the law was not complied with in the case of this applicant and it was one of the applications that the Council ought to refuse. Mr. Raaflaub made a brief reply to Mr. Garabrant's objection, and declared that he had obeyed the law.

In the vote on the application Councilmen Conlan, Harrison and Chabot voted in favor of the application, and Councilmen Moore and Farrand against it. Councilman Walker declined to vote. Chairman Peterson declared a majority vote in favor of the applicant. Councilman Moore took exception to the Chairman's ruling and insisted that it required a majority vote of the entire Council to grant a license. Mr. Moore cited a ruling of former Chairman Theodore H. Ward as a precedent. In a case where the vote was 3 for and 3 against, Mr. Ward declared that the application had failed of a majority vote and was rejected.

Attorney Halfpenny was appealed to by Mr. Moore, and gave it as his opinion that Chairman Peterson had ruled correctly. Mr. Moore took an appeal from the Chairman's ruling, and Mr. Conlan moved that the Chairman be sustained, and the motion was carried.

The next application objected to was that of John J. Brooks. Councilman Moore said that he had been told by the people in the vicinity of where it was proposed to open the saloon that it was not needed there. Clerk Johnson read a petition signed by numerous people who were in favor of the saloon.

David G. Garabrant objected to the application. He cited the circumstance of last year, when the people in that locality were in a large majority against the location of a saloon there, and on behalf of the property-owners there he protested against granting the application. Mr. Brooks made a statement in his own behalf and said many people in the neighborhood wanted a saloon. The application was rejected by a vote of 4 to 2.

Disdore Serrittella, an Italian, applied

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for a license for a hotel on Bloomfield Avenue near the city line, but his application was refused without comment.

William R. Courter's application for a license for a hotel at the corner of Broad Street and Watchung Avenue brought out a strong protest from Brookdale people in the form of a remonstrance, and Councilman Walker said that the people in that end of the town did not want a saloon there. The application was rejected.

One of the liveliest contests of the evening was over the application of Stockwell Yeaskey for a hotel license at No. 60 Lock Street. Councilman Moore said that he had been spoken to by a number of people about that application, and he understood that the place had formerly been licensed. He said that the place would probably prove a nuisance. It was located in the outskirts of the town, and would necessitate police surveillance which the town was not now in a position to furnish.

Councilman Walker submitted a petition of property-owners in favor of the place, and said that a petition in favor of a saloon should receive due consideration. The granting of the application, Mr. Walker said, would relieve the congestion of pails, baskets, etc., on Broad Street, and the employees of the rubber mill wanted a saloon there as a lunching place.

Councilman Conlan asked a question as to the location of the place and pointed out that the ordinance provided that a place where beer and liquor are sold must front on a street.

The clerk said that the ordinance only required that a saloon should front a public highway, and that the ordinance made no such requirement for hotels. The clerk, by request, read sections 3 and 12 of the ordinance. Messrs. Conlan and Moore maintained that the place fronted on private property and neither the police nor any one else could make official surveillance of it. After a long discussion between Messrs. Moore and Walker, Councilman Harrison pointed out that the place had been formerly licensed by the Council, and if it was legal to do it then, it was legal to license it now. Walker, Harrison and Chabot voted in favor of the license, and Conlan, Farrand and Moore against it. Chairman Peterson declared the application rejected.

Constanti Zbikowsky's application for a saloon at No. [illegible]0 Myrtle Avenue was rejected for the [t]hird time.

Messrs. Conlan and Harrison voted against William Ash[w]orth's application and Councilman Moore wanted to know what the objection was to it, but no one volunteered any information, and the license was g[ra]nted by a vote of 4 to 2.

Margaret Stew[art's] application was objected to by the [Re]v. Charles A. Cook, and John Bland sp[oke] in support of the application. The [Co]uncil voted to reject the applicat[ion] and because a demand for an un[nece]ssary roll-call by outsiders was not acceded to, there was a manifestation of disorderliness. Chairman Peterson quickly checked it by threatening to have the room cleared.

Theodore O. Steenwerth's application for a saloon license at No. 174 Glenwood Avenue was opposed by Thomas O'Connell, the Rev. Charles A. Cook and others. Both Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Cook submitted petitions of property-owners against granting the license. Frank N. Unangst said that the names on Mr. Cook's petition were not residents in the vicinity of the saloon. Mr. Cook contended they were. Mr. O'Connell said he owned two houses adjoining the proposed saloon, and it would ruin his property if the petition was granted. The application was rejected.

The surprise of the evening came at the end of the list of applicants, when the Councilmen without dissent voted to refuse the application of Scheuer & Bro. for a wholesale license. The crowd was astonished at the action of the Council as no one had any intimation of such a result. The people who had opposed any increase in the number of saloons left the Council room well pleased with the action of the Council.

STAMPING OUT GLANDERS.

Bloomfield Health Board Will Have Blacksmith Shops and Hotel Sheds Fumigated.

A communication from the State Board of Health to the Bloomfield Board of Health asking that all hotel sheds and blacksmith shops be disinfected to prevent the spread of glanders was read at a meeting of the latter body last night. One case of the disease was reported in town. It was decided to comply with the request of the State authorities. Scavengers were ordered to separate garbage and ashes. Failure to do so will result in a revocation of their licenses.

D. H. Bald[wi]n, chemist of the board, reported the water supply to be in excellent condition. Health Inspector Gilbert made a report on the condition of Brookside place, and recommended that the property owners be compelled to build new cesspools wherever needed. The street has not been accepted by the town, owing to the fact that it has no outlet. George Roubaud, owner of the lowlands in Washington street, was ordered to fill in his property at once.

VOTES AGAINST MORE LICENSES

Enough Saloons in the Town Already Is the Decision of the Bloomfield Council.

CLERGYMAN MAKES A PROTEST

Every available space in the Town Council chambers in Bloomfield was occupied at the regular session of the board last night, because it was license night. Many appeared out of curiosity to witness the deliberations of the council in disposing of the twenty-seven applications for licenses from the three wards. The greatest excitement prevailed at times, and it was with difficulty that Chairman Peterson preserved order. Eventually he had to take a firm stand against the saloon element, by declaring that he would clear the room if order was not observed. The council did not grant any new licenses. It rejected one wholesale license—that of S. Scheuer & Son. Ernest Raaflaub secured his license by a close vote.

Before the applications were taken up David G. Garabrant, a prominent resident of the town, on behalf of a number of citizens present, thanked the council for the policy pursued during the past three years in not granting any new licenses, which fact, he said, commended itself to a great many people. "I think," said Mr. Garabrant, "that I am expressing the opinion of a great many when I say that the council will do well to pursue the same course it has followed in the past in granting licenses to those only who have obeyed the law."

The applications were then taken up. The first objection raised was against a license being issued to Ernest Raaflaub, of the Hotel Essex. Rev. C. A. Cook declared that there was abundant evidence that the applicant had not complied with the law.

"The councilmen," he said, "have had evidence submitted to them to show that the place has been quite notorious to the neighborhood. It seems to me the application should be rejected."

Raaflaub informed the council that no one could show where he had violated the law. Councilman Walker said he did not know there was any objection to the application until he heard it at the council meeting.

"There is no one who wishes to do anybody an injustice," he said, "but if Raaflaub has not conducted a proper place I would like to know it."

Chairman Asks for Roll Call.

When the chairman called for a vote on the application he asked all who were in favor of it to say "aye." There was only one response, and that was a feeble one. Then the chairman asked for a roll call, which resulted in the license being granted by a vote of 4 to 2. Harrison, Conlan, Chabot and Peterson voted aye and Moore and Farrand no. Mr. Walker did not vote.

Chairman Peterson declared the license granted, but Mr. Moore raised a point of law on the ruling, claiming that unless a majority voted in favor of the license the request must be denied. Mr. Moore further contended that inasmuch as a majority vote was not cast when the question was first put the application was lost. He said that the chairman had no right to call for a vote at that time. Town Attorney Halfpenny sustained the chairman. Mr. Moore then moved that the chair be sustained, which was agreed to by a vote of 4 to 2.

The next objection was on the application of John J. Brooks for a saloon in Liberty street. Mr. Moore said that the license was denied last year and everybody was satisfied. He declared that the people living in the neighborhood claimed a saloon was not needed. A petition signed by sixty people was then read in favor of the license being granted. David G. Garabrant objected to the license on the grounds that another saloon was not necessary. Only one vote was cast in favor of the place, and the application was declared rejected.

William R. Courter's application to conduct a place on upper Broad street was also rejected. Many property owners signed a petition against it. The application of Stackwell Yeasky to conduct a hotel at 60 Lock street led to a long discussion. Councilman Walker was the principal sponsor for the application. This application was also turned down by a vote of 4 to 3. Mr. Moore in speaking on the application of Yeasky, said the place was licensed some time ago, and declared that the hotel would in all probability be a nuisance, as it was on the outskirts of the town.

"Neighbors have requested me to protest against it as unnecessary," he said, "and I think it best for the council to deny the application." Mr. Walker, who had voted against granting any new licenses, spoke for this place. He declared that there were forty people who had signed for it, and thought that one set of men should be given as much consideration as another. Mr. Conlan objected to the place because, he said, the proposed tavern did not face a street. The application was denied. William Ashworth's application for a saloon in Orange street met with opposition from Conlan and Harrison, but the license was granted.

Woman Applicant Turned Down.

Margaret Stewart's application for a saloon in the Bowery section led to some lively words. Rev. Charles A. Cook referred to the fact that one year ago this license had been refused, and there was no good reason why it should be granted now. It was commonly reported, he said, that the applicant had been selling without a license.

"I object to Mr. Cook's remarks," said John Bland. "Mrs. Stewart, I know, has always kept a good place." Mr. Moore said the application was practically a new one and should be denied. The application was turned down with only two votes in its favor. Theodore O. Steenwerth's application also caused some discussion. Two petitions were presented against it—one by Rev. C. A. Cook, which contained the signatures of people living on side streets. The license was refused. When the application for a wholesale license from S. Scheuer & Son was read the council voted unanimously against it. The other applications rejected were those of Disdore Serritella and Constanti Zbikowsky. The licenses granted were as follows: First Ward, George B. Tucker, Arthur Leuthaeusser, William J. Raab, Henry Treiber, Ernest Raaflaub, Frank Narucki; Second Ward, Israel Berman and Thomas A. Halliran; Third Ward, John Kobff, Alicia Kelly, J. Gilbert Brady, Snyder Brothers, William Johnson, Elizabeth Metz, Alfred Johnson, William Parting, Julius Petreine, Nicholas Duggan and William Ashworth. The new licenses go into effect on July 1.

Mr. Moore reported to the members of the council that he had visited the scene of trouble over assessments on Linden avenue, and that there was a way to straighten out the difficulty. He promised to make a report at the next meeting. In the matter of the collection of garbage, Mr. Moore reported that the committee was not ready to make a report. The Fire Committee reported that a conference in the matter of the new firehouses would be held on Friday night with the committee on municipal buildings of the Board of Trade.

The question of securing transfers on the Passaic and Orange Valley Railway was brought up, and an effort will be made to obtain them, in view of the fact that the road is now a part of the Public Service Corporation. Chairman Peterson said the people were entitled to the transfers.

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